

**Commodity Fact Sheet**September 1996  
Revised November 1996**Other Tobaccos****Dark Air-Cured  
Fire-Cured  
Sun-Cured****Cigar Filler  
& Binder****Summary of 1996 Support Program****Legislative Authority**

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, authorizes marketing quotas on an acreage allotment basis for various kinds of tobacco, except cigar wrapper and perique. The Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, sets the price support at the previous year's level, with an

annual adjustment based on the change in a parity index average.

**Marketing Quotas**

Marketing quotas, having been approved by more than two-thirds of the producers, are in effect for the following tobaccos and crop years:

Kind (type)	Crop Years			Referendum Date
Fire-Cured (21-22-23)	1994	1995	1996	March 1994
Dark Air-Cured (35-36)	1994	1995	1996	March 1994
Sun-Cured (37)	1995	1996	1997	March 1995
Cigar-Filler & Binder (42-44 & 53-55)	1996	1997	1998	March 1996

Producers in March 1995 disapproved marketing quotas for 1995, 1996, and 1997 crops of Maryland (type 32), Pennsylvania cigar-filler (type 41), and Connecticut Valley cigar-binder (types 51-52) tobaccos. The next referendum for those three kinds is scheduled to be held in March 1998. In addition, a

referendum was held in March 1996 for Cigar Filler (Type 41) tobacco in which no one voted. Because this kind of tobacco is no longer grown, a special ruling was made accepting the referendum as a "No" vote and absolves producers from future referenda unless they actively petition

the Secretary of Agriculture to reinstate the quota process.

**Acreage Allotments**

Following are 1995 national acreage allotments compared to 1996:

Kind (type)	1995 Allotment (acres)	1996 Allotment (acres)
Virginia Fire-Cured (21)	1,316	1,317
Kentucky-Tennessee Fire-Cured (22-23)	16,501	16,491
Kentucky-Tennessee Dark Air-Cured (35-36)	4,270	4,045
Virginia Sun-Cured (37)	100	110
Cigar Filler & Binder (42-44 & 53-55)	4,852	4,699

Producers who exceed acreage allotments for tobaccos under marketing quotas are subject to marketing quota penalties. The

penalty rate is 75 percent of the previous year's average market price.

The marketing year for all tobaccos covered in this fact sheet begins October 1.

**Support Level**

Following are national support levels for the 1996 crops. USDA sets individual grade rates before the marketing season begins.

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Kind (type)	1996 Average Support Level (cents per pound)
Dark Air-Cured (35-36)	133.9
Fire-Cured (21)	145.5
Fire-Cured (22-23)	155.7
Sun-Cured (37)	128.8
Cigar Filler & Binder (42-44 & 53-55)	112.0

The 1996 support levels are 1.9 to 3.9 cents above 1995 support levels.

**Support Method**

Nonrecourse loans are available on 1996 production for the five quota tobaccos listed. Price support is provided to growers through producer associations under contractual terms with USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). The associations receive the tobacco not sold at the support rate, using funds loaned by CCC.

Producers are required to certify that they have not nested their tobacco

and also that pesticides used in producing tobacco have been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and that these products have been used in accordance with label directions.

**Assessments**

As a condition of price support eligibility, producers of these various kinds of tobacco must pay an assessment on each pound of tobacco marketed to ensure the price support program operates at no-net-cost, as required by the No Net Cost Tobacco Program Act of 1982.

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	<b>Production</b>	<b>National Average Loan Level</b>	<b>No-Net-Cost Assessment</b>	<b>Average Price to Farmers</b>	<b>Farm Value</b>
	(million lbs.)	(cents per lb.)	(cents per lb.)	(cents per lb.)	(million \$)
Virginia Fire-Cured Tobacco (type 21)					
1991	3.6	133.2	12	152.6	5.4
1992	2.6	136.7	13.3165	161.5	4.2
1993	1.9	139.5	11.3025	171.9	3.3
1994	2.4	140.7	7.2965	161.2	3.9
1995	1.5	143.0	15.285	162.5	2.4
1996		145.5	TBD		
Kentucky-Tennessee Fire-Cured Tobacco (types 22-23)					
1991	29.3	136.7	1.3165	213.4	62.6
1992	34.2	142.1	1.2895	217.3	74.4
1993	39.0	146.4	.768	219.4	85.6
1994	45.9	148.3	1.2585	209.2	96.0
1995	37.7	151.8	1.241	217.2	81.9
1996		155.7	TBD		
Kentucky-Tennessee Dark-Air-Cured Tobacco (types 35-36)					
1991	8.7	116.9	.831	184.0	16.1
1992	10.3	121.7	.8915	169.4	17.4
1993	11.1	125.5	.8725	171.5	19.0
1994	11.7	127.3	1.3635	168.5	19.7
1995	8.5	130.4	2.3480	176.2	15.0
1996		133.9	TBD		
Virginia Sun-Cured Tobacco (type 37)					
1991	.1	117.7	12	143.4	.2
1992	.1	120.8	13.396	138.0	.2
1993	.1	123.3	11.3835	152.1	.2
1994	.1	124.5	7.3775	147.6	.2
1995	.1	126.5	15.3675	153.0	.2
1996		128.8	TBD		
Cigar Binder Tobacco (types 53-55) (Wisconsin)					
1991	15.2	101.4	0	0	23.5
1992	12.8	105.4	0	0	19.1
1993	6.6	107.4	0	0	9.6
1994	5.9	108.4	0.458	13.958	8.6
1995	6.2	110.1	.4495	0.4495	9.0
1996		112.0	TBD	TBD	
<sup>1</sup> CCC has terminated loan agreement with producer associations. <sup>2</sup> No production since 1989. <sup>3</sup> Allotments disapproved. TBD — To Be Determined					